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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: BDIS, AG, US
SUBJ: GOODYEAR MAROC CLAIM AGAINST SONATRACH

REF: ALGIERS 1381

WE INFORMED SPRANG OF REFTTEL; SPRANG GRATEFUL YOUR ASSISTANCE AND GAVE US FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO TRANSMIT TO YOU. BEGIN TEXT. OUR REPRESENTATIVE R.W. BROWNING WAS IN ALGIERS ON APRIL 14 TO VISIT SONATRACH AND WAS SUBJECTED TO QUESTIONING BY POLICE AUTHORITIES CONCERNING GOODYEAR'S INVOLVEMENT IN PAYMENTS OF CASH TO ONE OR MORE SONATRACH AUTHORITIES DURING 1975 WITH VIEW OF OBTAINING PREFERENCE WHEN TIRE SUPPLY CONTRACT AWARDED. THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY HAS PUBLISHED INFORMATION RECENTLY, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION BROUGHT BY SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THAT APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 100,000 WAS PAID TO INDIVIDUALS IN A GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN ALGERIA DURING 1975 BY GOODYEAR FRANCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SONATRACH IS NOW INVESTIGATING THIS WITHIN THEIR ORGANIZATION. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE REQUEST THAT YOU NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER STEPS WITH SONATRACH AUTHORITIES ON OUR BEHALF UNTIL WE ADVISE FURTHER AS WE FEEL NOTHING POSITIVE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL
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CURRENT INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. IN MEANTIME THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE. END TEXT. MONJO

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